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Provincial Governing Body for Alpine,  
Para-Alpine & Ski Cross Racing

# CLUB CALL

**NOV 12, 2025**



Presented by



**MACKENZIE**  
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# ALPINE ONTARIO **WELCOME**

Within these walls where a passionate ski community comes to gather, you are welcomed, accepted, and respected.

Here, no matter who you are or where you are from, you are at home, regardless of your race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, family status, genetic characteristics, disability, or conviction.

All we ask is that you be excellent, respectful, accountable, courageous, and a leader.

# TOGETHER, WE ARE **ONTARIO UNITED**



## JIM McMANUS

**James (Jim) Alexander McManus**, the head coach of the **London Ski Club**, passed away on November 4, 2025.

### [DETAILS HERE](#)

**Visitation will be held at:**

**Westview Funeral Home & Cremation Centre  
709 Wonderland Road North, London, Ontario**

November 14, 2025 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**Celebration of Life will be held at:**

**Westview Funeral Home & Cremation Centre  
709 Wonderland Road North, London, Ontario**

November 15, 2025 1:00 pm



# AGENDA

- AOA Staff Update
- Para Update
- U16 OCUP Update
- U14 OCUP Update
- ACA Fitness Combine
- Club Parent Resource
- Coach Education Update
- Officials Update
- NCR & PCR Rules
- Division Updates
- Reminders
- Deloitte Study
- Start Order Data
- Next Meetings
- Questions





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# PARA UPDATE

With Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) compliance for 2025 more of the resorts are requesting training for their instructors.

Osler is hosting a CADS Level 1, Dec. 28/29/30. Osler is comping the tickets so it makes it much more affordable for coaches and instructors to attend.

Total course fee is \$100, and Ontario CADS membership is required, \$43.

REGISTRATION LINK -

[https://skiportal.org/portal/event\\_public\\_signup.php?ev=QBpk0HdT&UID=41](https://skiportal.org/portal/event_public_signup.php?ev=QBpk0HdT&UID=41)

All courses require our 90 minute e prep, COUNTDOWN.  
Recognized internationally.

Individual modules for Neuro Diverse is a 4 hour course for \$50.  
Resorts that are looking for hosting their own instructor coach PD, are free to reach out to me. - Gwen Binsfeld -  
[gwen.binsfeld@gmail.com](mailto:gwen.binsfeld@gmail.com)





# LAST CALL

## **CARVING THE FUTURE GRANT** designed to support para inclusion and integration in alpine ski racing

This is an **excellent funding opportunity for clubs and divisions** running para “Try-It” events, integrating para-athletes into training and racing programs, or for club para-athletes themselves.

- Applications open: **August 15, 2025**
- Deadline: **November 1, 2025**
- Funding available: **\$2,500 – \$5,000**, depending on the stream
- Funds disbursed: **January 2026**

Refer to [Alpine Canada’s “Becoming Para Ready”](#) designed to help ski clubs do inclusion better.

[All Details for Carving the Future HERE](#)



# U16ADP + OCUP UPDATE

> Final U16 ADP Camps completed - Registration for 2026-27 Program in Spring.

> U16 OCUP Quebec Speed Camp and **Race – TBD**

> [U14,U16 SOD OCUP Calendar complete HERE](#)

> **UPDATED DATES** U16 OCUP Finals – March 8-13 -  
LSDA (2 days earlier)

## - **2027 Canada Winter Games – Team Ontario**

1 coach, 1 asst. coach, 1 wax tech.

Head coaches must be Alpine Canada NCCP Performance Level Trained + have completed Ski Cross Coaching and Safety (Part 1 & 2) + Ski Cross Intro to Coaching Module.

Assistant coaches must be Alpine Canada NCCP Development Level Certified + have completed Ski Cross Coaching and Safety (Part 1 & 2) + Ski Cross Intro to Coaching Module.

Women in Coaching Apprentice opportunity





# U14 OCUP UPDATE

> **U14 Mansfield and Beaver Valley have swapped genders on the 17<sup>th</sup>**

> [U14 SOD OCUP Calendar complete HERE](#)

> U14 OCUP Finals – Alpine, Osler, Peaks (SOD) -  
March 17-20

> U14 CanAms – Sugarloaf, ME - March 31- April 3

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> U14 Mealey Speed week – Feb 2-7

> U14 Whistler Cup - April 10-12



# REMINDER! FITNESS RESULTS

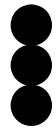
U14/U16 OCUP athletes testing results to be emailed to AOA prior to Dec 31st. Please use ACA Template

- Contact Suki for assistance:

[memberservices@alpineontario.ca](mailto:memberservices@alpineontario.ca)

**Testing Protocol** can be downloaded [here](#)

**Forms to be Used for Recording results.**



Athlete Roster [Template](#)

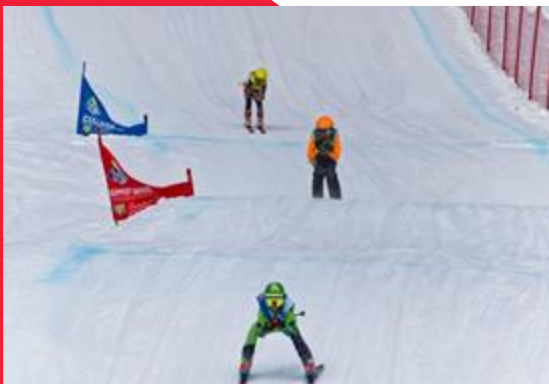
U16 FIS ACA Fitness Combine Results [Template](#)

U10 U12 U14 ACA Fitness Combine Results

[Template](#)



# SX UPDATES



## **FIS World Cup - Craigleith, March 20-22, 2026**

**Craigleith** will also host a **skier development session** following the World Cup. Details to come

SOD is planning to host **four provincial ski cross events** this season, scheduled to allow maximum participation from **U12**

**Development** and **SCUP** athletes

The Ski Cross Committee is also developing **new educational video asset**

### **Current Provincial Ski Cross Schedule:**

- **January 24-25, 2026** – Beaver Valley
- **February 6-7, 2026** – Craigleith (*FIS category included*)
- **Blue Mtn & Caledon** – *Dates TBD*

Races now posted on OCUP Calendar [here](#)

### **National Championships**

- Ski Cross – Jan 9 Nakiska • M/W 1xSX



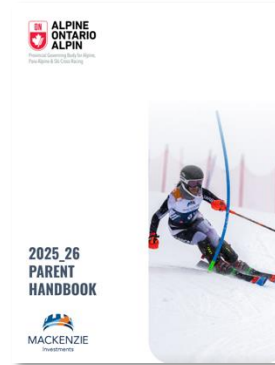
## SKI UP SESSIONS



- 1- CALEDON (JAN 15)
- 2- CRAIGLEITH (FEB 5)
- 3- BLUE MTN (FEB 26)

*"Joining these sessions is a great way for your club members to participate in a day of skill development, fun and meeting new friends. This open environment allows for kids to relax, ski lots and even ski outside their comfort zones"*

# CLUB PARENT RESOURCES



## 2025-26 AOA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

"How-To" Video is live! 🏂🌟

Watch our step-by-step video to learn exactly how to register for the upcoming season — whether you're an athlete, coach, official, or parent.

👉 [Check it out now!](#)

## AOA SKIS & BIKES Gear Guide 2025-26

Get ready for the season — your go-to resource for equipment tips, fitting advice, and updated regulations for every age and level.

👉 [Check it out now](#) - and gear up for a great season ahead.

## 📖 AOA PARENT HANDBOOK

This essential guide helps parents navigate the ski racing season with info on:

- Program details & schedules
- Parent expectations & volunteer roles
- Safety policies & athlete behavior
- Leadership contacts

Access the [FULL HANDBOOK HERE](#)

## AOA NORMERICA VIDEOS

A series of "parent IQ" for parents of children starting in ski racing.

[WATCH HERE](#)



## ACA CLUB ADMIN UPDATES

- Sent directly from ACA
- Updates include ACA Coach Program
- Information and tools for ACA Strive
- If you are not receiving these, and wish to be added to the mailing list, email Justine Parent [jparent@alpinecanada.org](mailto:jparent@alpinecanada.org)

## ACA WEBSITE

- ACA New Website – check your links, and ours!



# COACH EDUCATION UPDATE



- AOA Coach Course Schedule – snowreg – DL course added Dec 20-24
- EL Learning Facilitator Training - LFs not delivering courses/ unable attend Dec 12 - Nov 25 5-9 zoom meeting
- EL Coach Evaluator Training - New Evaluators - Nov 27 6-8pm zoom meeting
- EL Learning Facilitator Training - On-snow for LF delivering courses - Dec 12 MSLM
- Coach On-Snow Update - NEW EVENT - Dec 13 MSLM
- Club Events for Licensing Credits – contact Sarah Edwards



# COACH EDUCATION UPDATE

## THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

- To promote continuous improvement and life-long learning for coaches
- To help reduce the risk of accidents
- To promote coaching excellence at every level in the Canadian development system
- To help professionalize ski coaching

## ONLY COACHES WHO ARE ACTIVELY COACHING ARE REQUIRED TO BE "LICENSED" REGISTERED COACHES IN GOOD STANDING IN THE CURRENT SEASON.

- Active coaches must be registered and be licensed annually by ACA-CSC.
- Obtaining the "licensed" status is the responsibility of the coach.
- The annual license cycle is September 1 - August 31
- Coaches should be "registered" and "licensed" before starting to coach athletes, supervise other coaches or implement programming
- The deadline to be licensed is January 31 annually. This accommodates coaches who are working in all coaching contexts of the ACA LTAD 3.0
- If coaches are not "licensed" by January 31, they lose their registered in good standing designation with ACA-CSC

## COACHES ARE CONSIDERED "LICENSED" REGISTERED COACHES IN GOOD STANDING ONCE ALL REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET INCLUDING:

- Payment of annual coaching dues
- Sign the annual release waiver
- Sign the code of conduct agreement
- Complete or have a current Criminal Record Check on file that is inclusive of the full licensing cycle ending on August 31st of each year
- Sign the Rowan's Law acknowledgement form (Ontario coaches only)
- Complete Safe Sport training (<https://safesport.coach.ca>)
- Complete educational and risk management credits



# COACH EDUCATION

Get Coaching Credits with NCCP courses -

NCCP Courses Available to Coaches in their locker at [www.coach.ca](http://www.coach.ca)

- Intro to terrain parks – online NCCP elearning - \$50
- Ski Cross Coaching and Safety Module Part 1 and Part 2 – online NCCP elearning - \$60 – (on snow module required for ski cross trained accreditation)
- Setting Environments to Develop Athletic Abilities – online NCCP elearning - \$50
- Speed Module - online NCCP elearning - \$50 (on snow module required for speed trained accreditation)
- NCCP Coaching Athletes with a Disability – Multi-Sport elearning module
- There are additional elearning modules coaches can complete under the multi sport tab in their NCCP locker for credits and some of them are even **FREE**



# AOA COACH CONFERENCE NOV 1

## [PRESENTATIONS LINK HERE](#)

Access the notes and presentations including:

- ACA's Pierre Ruel
- CAST's Francis Royal & Ali Nullmeyer (live via Zoom)
- Mental Game Academy's Larissa Mills
- Para-Alpine's Mark Newton, and AOA's Pat Biggs





# COACH **JP** SESSIONS

**EXPERIENCE**  
"A DAY IN THE LIFE"  
OF AN OST COACH

Are YOU looking to?

- > UP your COACHING game
- > EXPAND your coaching knowledge
- > BROADEN your coaching skills



## COACH UP SESSIONS

Please stay tuned  
Dates & Locations TBD



# NATIONAL COMPETITION RULES (NCR)

Are available on the Alpine Canada website under Lead -> Officials -> Resources

<https://cdn.sanity.io/files/40cv6qsv/production/58247daed9aa51f7ce7a8a1f48d9f1e91ecc5ad6.pdf>

# PROVINCIAL COMPETITION RULES (PCR)

Will be published shortly and available under Club resources

- Updated OCUP Start Order – Random cohort method
- Helmet rules and cut resistant recommendation
- PAR rule updates



# OFFICIALS COMMITTEE



**LSDA** Markus Walser, Chair

**NCD** Lisa Scott

**NOD** Jeff Priddle

**SOD** Jennifer Gillard



# OFFICIALS UPDATE

[AOA Events Calendar > Officials Training](#) (dark orange, filter Officials Training)  
 or  
[AlpinePoints.ca > Officials > Take a Course](#) (Search Alpine Ontario)



## Annual Update 15 Nov 2025 @ Alpine Ski Club

[15 Nov 2025](#)

### Level 1

[15 Nov 2025](#)

2025-11-15	<b>Annual Update [ON]</b> Course#50 0406 Alpine Ski Club	Officials Update
	<b>Level 1 [ON]</b> Course#50 0405 Alpine Ski Club	Alpine Level 1 & SkiCross Level 1
2025-11-17	<b>Alpine Level 2 [ON]</b> Course#50 0371 online	Alpine Level 2
2025-11-22	<b>Alpine Level 3 [ON]</b> Course#50 0386 Thunder Bay	Alpine Level 3
2025-11-26	<b>Level 1 [ON]</b> Course#50 0368 online	Alpine Level 1 & SkiCross Level 1
2025-12-08	<b>Alpine Level 2 [ON]</b> Course#50 0384 Ottawa	Alpine Level 2
2025-12-09	<b>Level 1 [ON]</b> Course#50 0369 online	Alpine Level 1 & SkiCross Level 1
2026-01-08	<b>Level 1 [ON]</b> Course#50 0370 online	Alpine Level 1 & SkiCross Level 1



## DIVISION UPDATES

### Southern Ontario Division

– Jennifer Gillard & Jason Manning

### Lake Superior Division Alpine

– Dave Bradley

### National Capital Division

– Laura Jones

### Northern Ontario Division

– Alan Chute

### ALPINE ONTARIO ALPIN

## DIVISIONS AND SKI CLUBS

AOA is made up of **four divisions, 35 ski clubs** and has **over 5,000 registered members** which represent approximately 30,000 extended families including parents, coaches, volunteers, officials, and corporate partners.

The four AOA divisions are:

- National Capital Division (NCD)**
- Northern Ontario Division (NOD)**
- Lake Superior Division Alpine (LSDA)**
- Southern Ontario Division (SOD)**

### SKI CLUBS – NOD

- Adanac Ski Club
- Elliot Lake Ski Racers
- Elite Alpine Ski Cross North Bay
- North Bay Antoine Ski Racers Inc
- Searchmont Ski Runners
- Timmins Ski Club

### SKI CLUBS – NCD

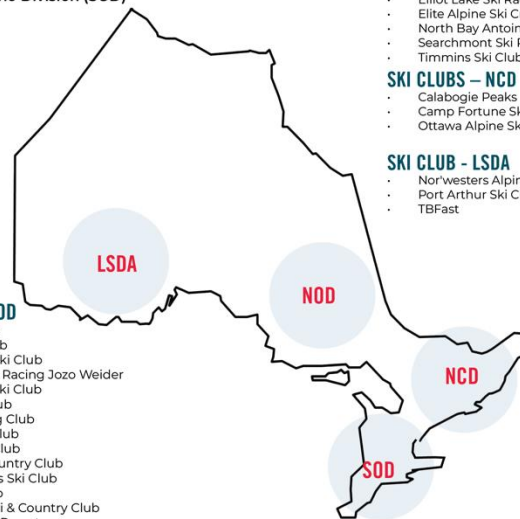
- Calabogie Peaks
- Camp Fortune Ski Club
- Ottawa Alpine Ski Sports

### SKI CLUB – LSDA

- Nor'westers Alpine Ski Club
- Port Arthur Ski Club
- TBFast

### SKI CLUBS - SOD

- Alpine Ski Club
- Batawa Ski Club
- Beaver Valley Ski Club
- Blue Mountain Racing Jojo Weider
- Brimacombe Ski Club
- Caledon Ski Club
- Catalyst Racing Club
- Chicopee Ski Club
- Craigleith Ski Club
- Devil's Glen Country Club
- Georgian Peaks Ski Club
- Glacier Ski Club
- The Heights Ski & Country Club
- Hockley Valley Resort
- London Ski Club
- Mansfield Ski Club
- Milton Heights Racing Club
- Muskoka Ski Club
- National Ski Academy
- North York Alpine Race Club
- Osler Bluff Ski Club
- Radius Ski Club
- Snow Valley Ski Club
- Toronto Ski Club





## ▼ REMINDERS

**Out of Country Training requests** ([OOC's](#)), ACA has drafted a **OOC Information/FAQ document** to assist in you (Clubs) in preparing and submitting OOC's to ACA for sanctioning. [Link](#)

**Global Certificate of Insurance** If your club is needing a COI from one of the following resorts, no need to fill out request form with Alpine Canada. Email [memberservices@alpineontario.ca](mailto:memberservices@alpineontario.ca) for COI

**Club Events Sanctioning and Landing pages** for your club on SnowReg. Just a reminder to update your club events sanctioning page on your SnowReg dashboard by selecting Applications then Permits. Club Activities for 25-26 season; update contacts and ensure your file upload states current race season. For your landing/listing page add your club location address, URLs for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter add if your club has not set up.

[Global COI](#)  
[Tremblant](#)  
[Lake Louise](#)  
[Norquay](#)  
[Panorama](#)  
[RCR](#)  
[Sun Peaks](#)  
[Sunshine](#)  
[Whistler](#)



# GET IN THE GATES NZ THURS NIGHT TRAINING



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTdNSB8NYPTzpjAS7LyCK-qZrjzSS6OI250nTVbxuq5WO2KA/viewform>

\$40+HST

## Weekly Training Sessions

**January 15 – February 19** for focused gate training

**Time:** 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

**Location:** Little John & Zipper runs only

**Cost:** \$40.00

**\*\*\$5.00 of every registration goes to the [NZ Foundation](#)**

# AUDI FIS SKI WORLD CUP

Women's Giant Slalom



# AUDI FIS WORLD CUP

**December 6 & 7**

NEW for 2025! - Highlights to create excitement and stimulate young athletes to come and attend PwC Tremblant World Cup

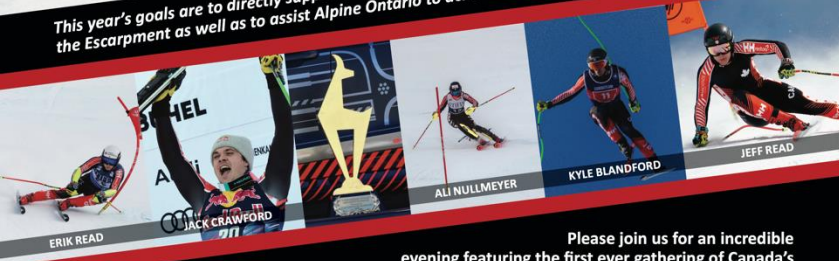
- Front row viewing for ski racers wearing their club coat
- Dedicated event entrance and reception for ski clubs
- Young racers will receive souvenir kit, and door prizes will be given out in the Next Generation Zone
- Discounted admission for ski club racers.
- [CLICK HERE](#) and use code **CDM-CLUBDESKI2526**

Kitzbühel Champions Dinner Event:

# The Path to the Podium 2025

Supporting Escarpment Excellence on the World Cup!

This year's goals are to directly support five Canadian World Cup athletes with roots in the Escarpment as well as to assist Alpine Ontario to achieve key funding priorities.



Please join us for an incredible evening featuring the first ever gathering of Canada's Hahnenkamm Champions, including Jack Crawford by video link to discuss his historic win and Canada's legacy at Kitzbühel and on the White Circus.

This year's exclusive Canadian Kitzbühel Champion panel will be moderated by **Rod Black** – a 40 year sportscaster with CTV Sports and TSN

**Steve Podborski** (CAST 1974-1984, 8x World Cup Winner, 1982 World Cup Downhill Crystal Globe, 1981 and 1982 Kitzbühel Champion, Olympic Bronze Medalist)

**Ken Read** (CAST 1974-1983, 5x World Cup Winner, 1980 Kitzbühel Champion)

**Todd Brooker** (CAST 1977-1987, 3x World Cup Winner, 1983 Kitzbühel Champion)

100% of the proceeds from the event will go directly to our 5 athletes as they prepare for Milano Cortina as well as support Alpine Ontario in achieving key funding priorities to help Ontario athletes find their Path to the World Cup.

Dinner is limited to 200 Participants who want to make a difference by supporting these athletes directly (Dinner Gala tickets are \$500 per person, \$5,000 per table of 10).

All tickets and donations are eligible for a tax receipt from Alpine Canada.

LOCATION: Georgian Peaks Ski Club  
DATE: November 22nd at 6pm  
RSVP & QUESTIONS: 705-444-4777  
or nick.hamilton@rbc.com

In support of:



This event is hosted by Nick Hamilton of:



This event is produced by Jeff MacInnis of:



## PATH TO THE PODIUM

**Path to the Podium** is a community-led event raising vital funds to support Alpine ski racing in Canada and inspire the next generation of champions.

Join us **Saturday, November 22nd, at The Georgian Peaks Club** for an unforgettable evening with MC Rod Black and Canada's Hahnenkamm Champions, plus Jack Crawford via video.

[Click HERE](#) to host a table, purchase tickets, or make a donation in support of Canada's ski racing future.

Please share in your Club Newsletters!



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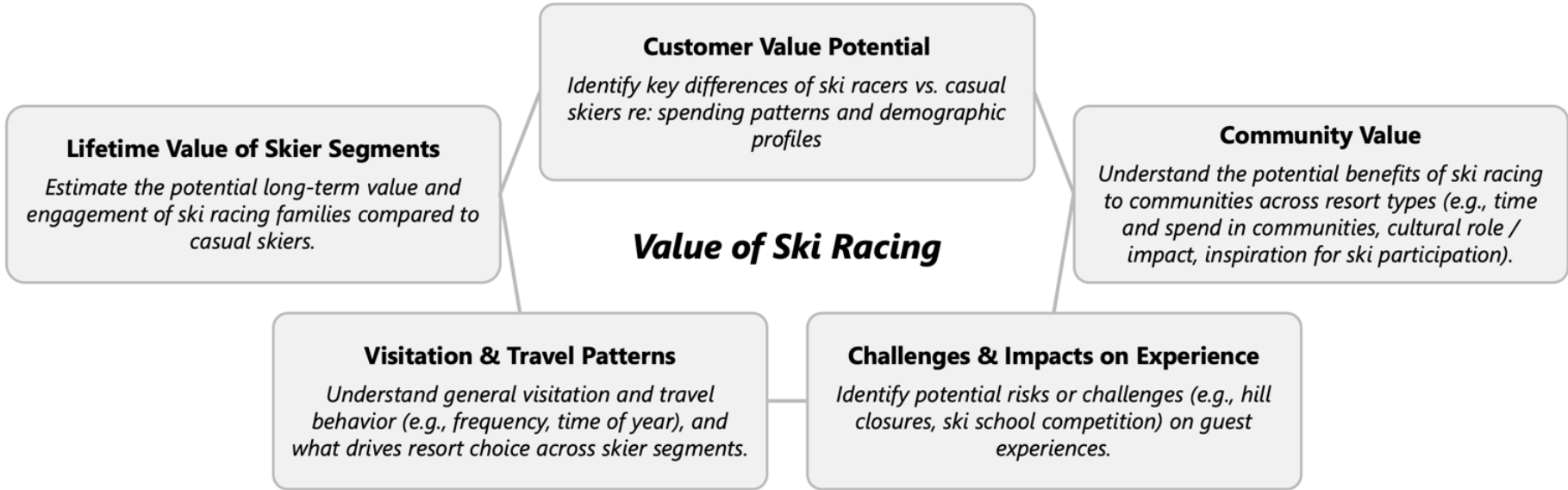
## **Survey Alignment**

Alpine Canada



# Key Survey Insights

The survey will be designed to provide insights related to following areas



## Questions for Discussion:

- Are there any critical outputs missing?
- Within each insight area, are there specific data points that PSO were hoping could be considered?



# Survey Approach

Deloitte will design an online survey to collect input from Alpines stakeholder databases and the general Canadian population, and analyze results for national and regional-specific outputs



Inputs

1

## ACA and PSO Membership Databases

Utilize contact lists of ACA and PSO racers, fans, and coaches to establish baseline metrics for ski racing families

2

## General Population

Target a sample size of 1,000 responses from the general Canadian population in the online survey



Outputs

1

## National Ski Racing Analysis

A view on National trends aligned to survey focus areas.

2

## Regional Ski Racing Analysis<sup>2</sup>

Provincial highlights relative to National trends aligned to survey focus areas.

## Key Survey Details

Respondents will **self-identify as 'skiers' or 'ski racers'**



**Skiers:** defined as those who plan to ski at least two times in the next 12 months or have skied at least two times in the past 12 months



**Ski Racers:** defined as having participated in any organized ski racing program in the past 12 months or plan to participate in the next 12 months



Survey will be designed to take **~15 min**



Quotas will be set to ensure **30-40% of the total sample is among ski racers**



Surveys will be available for respondents in **English and French**



Survey will be **deployed late November** for peak skier engagement

**Notes:** 1. Final reports and outputs will be in English; 2. Access to regional insights will be restricted to fully participating PSOs.



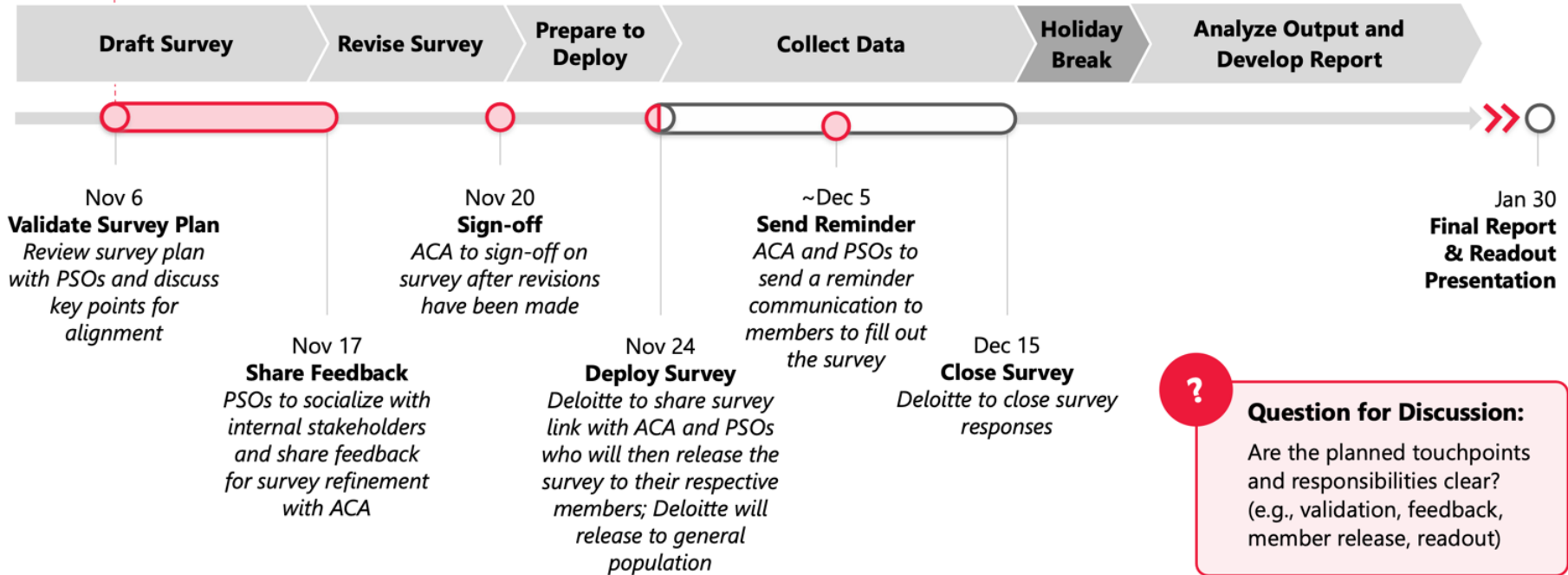
# Updated Project Timeline & Stakeholder Interactions

To ensure timely survey distribution, Deloitte, ACA, and PSOs must align to key project responsibilities and milestones

**Legend**

- Deloitte Action
- Deloitte Activity
- ACA/PSO Action

**We are here**



# RANDOM START ORDER - UPDATE



## Data Overview

- **10 GS races analyzed:** 5 pre-RSO (2023) vs. 5 post-RSO (2025)
- **≈895 valid athlete results** across BC, AB, ON, and QC
- **Both genders** included; incomplete runs removed for validity

Metrics Evaluated	TSO	RSO	Interpretation of Data
<b>Bib vs. Finish Correlation (r)</b>	0.737	0.277	60% reduction in start-order bias — results reflect skill, not draw.
<b>Penalty (Race Difficulty)</b>	Similar (p = 0.19)	Similar	Race fairness maintained.
<b>Race Point Spread (SD)</b>	74.3	81.4	Slightly broader field — more athletes competitive.



- **Fairer Racing Environment:** RSO removes the early-bib advantage and rewards execution under changing conditions.
- **Enhanced Learning & Resilience:** Athletes learn to adapt to snow, visibility, and track deterioration — the same challenges they'll face at FIS and Nor-Am levels.
- **Pathway Alignment:** The RSO model mirrors the progression athletes experience at higher performance levels, strengthening long-term readiness.
- **Equal Course Quality:** Comparable penalties confirm consistency and fairness across both formats.

# CONCLUSION OF FINDINGS TO DATE:



By introducing **Random Start Order (RSO)** at the U14 and U16 levels:

- Athletes gain early exposure to the realities of competitive skiing, **adapting to variable course conditions, changing weather, and track deterioration while maintaining focus and technical execution**. This race environment better reflects the demands of higher performance levels, where athletes begin their **FIS, Nor-Am, or World Cup** journeys starting at the back of the pack.
- Athletes learn to **manage adversity, adjust tactics, and stay composed under fluctuating conditions**, building the resilience and adaptability essential for long-term success.
- Provides athletes with a **realistic and educational developmental platform**, reinforcing that early start positions are earned through strong late-bib performances, accelerating learning and producing **more adaptable, confident, and competition-ready ski racers**.

## Bottom line:

RSO creates fairer racing, deeper competition, and more prepared athletes, confirming we're on the right track for long-term athlete development in Canadian alpine skiing.



# NEXT MEETINGS

AOA Club Call Schedule 2025-26

Zoom 3:30 – 4:30 p.m

#3 Dec 10 2026 3:30

#4 Jan 14 2026 3:30

#5 Feb 11 2026 3:30

#6 Mar 11 2026 3:30

#7 Apr 8 2026 3:30



PREMIER PARTNERS



PLATINUM PARTNERS



PROUD PARTNERS

